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TO: LA WIC VENDORS

FROM: TRICIA GUIDROZ, MA

LA WIC VENDOR MANAGER

RE: DISCONTINUATION OF NUTRAMIGEN LIPIL POWDER INFANT FORMULA

We have been informed that Mead Johnson & Company is introducing a new product, Nutramigen[®] LIPIL[®] with EnfloraTM LGG[®] infant formula powder. This product was scheduled to begin shipping to customers in April 2009 and was expected to be readily available on the retail shelves in May, 2009.

It is expected that once this product is fully established in the marketplace, Nutramigen LIPIL with Enflora LGG will completely replace Nutramigen LIPIL in the powder form.

The concentrate and ready-to-use forms of Nutramigen LIPIL will continue to be available without LGG.

Due to the above information, our health clinics have been informed that Nutramigen LIPIL powder may not be available since some vendors may choose to only stock the Nutramigen LIPIL in the concentrate or ready- to- feed form. WIC caregivers are being advised of the potential reduced availability at the WIC vendor level for the Nutramigen LIPIL powder. As a result of the reduced availability for Nutramigen LIPIL powder at the vendor level, the Louisiana WIC Program will only provide Nutramigen LIPIL concentrate on a negotiable food instrument.

It is very important to note that the Louisiana WIC Program is <u>not</u> adding Nutramigen Lipil with Enflora LGG to its list of approved formulas. Therefore Nutramigen Lipil with Enflora LGG <u>cannot</u> be substituted for any participant presenting with a Nutramigen LIPIL food instrument.